(c) the area of waste land converted into cultivable land in Bihar during last three years; and

(d) the programme formulated in this regard during this financial year by National Waste Land Development Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) State-wise status of waste land in the country is given in the enclosed Statement I. *(See below)*

(b) So far, an area of 61.96 lakh hectares of waste lands have been considered for development at a total cost of Rs.3351.9776 crores and Rs. 1310.43 crores have been released till 31.3.2005 as Central share to the watershed projects under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) of the Department.

(c) Department of Land Resources has sanctioned Rs.54.00 crores for development of 90,000 hectares of waste lands under 18 IWDP* projects for the State of Bihar as given in Statement-ll *(See* below). Central share of Rs.7.425 crores have been released for these projects till 31.3.2005.

(d) National Waste Land Development Board constituted in 1985 under Ministry of Environment and Forests was trasnferred to Ministry of Rural Development in 1992 as Department of Waste Land Development. The Department was renamed as Department of Land Resources in 1999.

Department of Land Resources has sanctioned Rs.51.00 crores for development of 85,000 hectares of waste lands under 17 IWDP projects for the State of Bihar in this financial year 2005-06.

Converting infertile land into fertile

†1083. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one lakh acre land in the country turns infertile every year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to make such land fertile again?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement-I

State-wise Wastelands of India

(Area in Sq. Kms)

SI.No	. State	No. of Districts Covered	Total Geog area of distts. covered	Total Wastelands area in distts. covered	% of wastelands to total geog area
1.	Andhra Pradesh	23	275068.00	51750.19	18.81
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	13	83743.00	18326.25	21.88
3.	Assam	23	78438.00	20019.17	25.52
4.	Bihar	55	173877.00	20997.55	12.08
5.	Goa	02	3702.00	613.27	16.57
6.	Gujarat	25	196024.00	43021.28	21.95
7.	Haryana	19	44212.00	3733.96	8.45
8.	Himachal Pradesh	12	55673.00	31659.00	56.87
9.	J&K	14	222236.00	65444.24	64.55
10.	Karnataka	27	191791.00	20839.28	10.87
11.	Kerala	14	38863.00	1448.18	3.73
12.	*MP.*	62	443446.00	69713.75	15.72
13.	Maharashtra	32	307690.00 -	53489.08	17.38
14.	Manipur	09	22327.00	12948.62	58.00
15.	Meghalaya	07	22429.00	9904.38	44.16
16.	Mizoram	03	21081.00	4071.68	19.31
17.	Nagaland	07	16579.00	8404.10	50.69
18.	Orissa	30	155707.00	21341.71	1371
19.	Punjab	17	50362.00	2228.40	4.42
20.	Rajasthan	32	342239.00	105639.11	30.87

21.	Sikkim	04	7096.00	3569.58	50.30
22.	Tripura	04	10486.00	1276.03	12.17
23.	Tamil Nadu	29	130058.00	23013.90	17.70
24.	Uttar Pradesh	83	294411.00	38772.80	13.17
25.	West Bengal	18	88752.00	5718.48	6.44
26.	Union Territories	20	10973.00	574.30	5.23
	TOTAL:	584	3287263.00	638518.31	20.17

Source: 1:50,000 scale wasteland maps prepared from Landsat Thematic Mapper/IRS LISS ll/lll Data

Note: 1,20,849.00 sq. kms. in Jammu and Kashmir is not mapped and hence not considered for calculating the percentage.

Statement-ll

Release of Funds under IWDP Projects (Under New Guidelines-2003-2004 to 2004-2005) as on 29.7.2005

(Rupees in lakhs)

SI. No.	Name of the District	Project Period	Total Area (in ha.)	Total Cost	Fundsreleased under IWDP during the 2003-04	Fundsreleased under IWDP during period 2004-05	Total Releases
BIHAR							
1.	Kishanganj	2003-04 to 07-08	5000	300.00	41.25		41.250
2.	Vaishali-ll	2003-04 to 07-08	5000	300.00	41.25		41.250
3.	Purnea	2003-04 to 07-08	5000	300.00	41.25		41.250
4.	Saran	2003-04 to 07-08	5000	300.00	41.25		41.250
5.	Siwan	. 2003-04 to 07-08	5000	300.00	41.25		41.250
6.	Darbanga	2003-04 to 07-08	5000	300.00	41.25		41.250
7.	Gaya-ll	2003-04 to 07-08	5000	300.00	41.25		41.250
8.	Munger	2003-04 to 07-08	5000	300.00	41.25		41.250
9.	Nalanda-ll	2003-04 to 07-08	5000	300.00	41.25		41.250
10.	Rohtas-I	2004-05 to 08-09	5000	300.00		41.250	41.250
11.	Kaimur-I	2004-05 to 08-09	5000	300.00		41.250	41.250
12.	Aurangabad-I	2004-05 to 08-09	5000	300.00		41.250	41.250
13.	Arwal-I	2004-05 to 08-09	5000	300.00		41.250	41.250
14.	Jahanabad-I	2004-05 to 08-09	5000	300.00		41.250	41.250
15.	Gaya-lll	2004-05 to 08-09	5000	300.00		41.250	41.250
16.	Banka-I	2004-05 to 08-09	5000	300.00		41.250	41.250
17.	Nawada-ll	2004-05 to 08-09	5000	300.00		41.250	41.250
18.	Munger-ll	2004-05 to 08-09	5000	300.00		41.250	41.250
	SUBTOTAL		90000	5400.00	371.25	371.25	742.50

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) There is no such report available with the Government which indicates that one lakh acre land in the country is turned infertile every year. However, the Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) for development of waste land/degraded land on watershed basis in the country. Since 1.4.1995, 1225 projects under the Programme have been sanctioned in 28 States for treatment of an area of 78.28 lakh hectares at a total cost of Rs. 4331.06 crores till date. An amount of Rs. 1714.57 crores have been released in various instalments to the Programme States so far.

Proposal under SGSY from Kerala

1084. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:
SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received by the Central Government from the State Governments of Karnataka and Kerala under the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of proposals cleared by the Central Government;

(c) the details of proposals still pending with the Central Government;

(d) the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by when these pending proposals will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The Ministry has sanctioned 6 Projects for State of Karnataka and 5 Projects for the State of Kerala under Swamjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) Special Project since inception of the scheme *i.e.* 1.4.99 Details are enclosed at Statement-I (See below).

(c) to (e) 12 proposals are pending with the Ministry. Out of which 11 proposals have been sent to line department for technical comments. On receipt of comments from these departments, the proposals will be considered as per the prescribed procedure. One project of Kerala relating to handloom sector would be put up before the next meeting of the Project Approval Committee (PAC) for sanctioning. The details are given in Statement-I I (See below).